## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 4, lines 19-24 as follows:

FIG. 2 is a perspective view of an auxiliary axle system 22 attached to truck frame rails 24 and an outrigger support frame [[26]] 25 at the rear of the truck 10. The outrigger support frame [[26]] 25, which is supported on and above the truck frame rails 24, carries and stores outriggers A (shown in FIG. 1). The axle system 22 is attached to a rear end of the truck 10 adjacent to the hopper 14, which has been removed from FIG. 2.

Please amend the paragraph at page 4, line 25 to page 5, line 9 as follows:

The axle system 22 generally comprises a pair of wheels 26 that are pivotally mounted to a pair of spaced short axles 28, which are secured to and carried by a pair of rearwardly extending support arms 30. The support arms 30 are linked by a cross support member 32, which further carries two pairs of forward extending attachment arms 34. The attachment arms 34 permit pivotal connection of the axle system 22 to the truck frame rails 24 of the truck 10 at the rear end of the truck 10. Hydraulic cylinders 36 connected at or near the intersection of the cross member 32 and each support arm 30 and connected to the outrigger frame [[26]] 25 permit the axle system 22 to be raised and lowered according to the axle weight distribution requirements of the truck 10 and for backing up the truck 10. The spacing of the short axles 28 and the configuration and location of the cross support member 32 relative to support arms 30 allows the axle system 22 to be mounted and operated proximate to the hopper of truck 10.

Please amend the paragraph at page 6, line 27 to page 7, line 5 as follows:

As shown in FIG. 3A, the second end 58 of the hydraulic cylinders 36 is connected to the outrigger support frame [[26]] 25. The pair of hydraulic cylinders 36 are used to raise and lower the axle system 22 from a first position (lowered) to a second position (raised). Although the preferred embodiment

includes a pair of hydraulic cylinders 36, a single hydraulic cylinder may also be employed. Further, while hydraulic cylinders 36 are shown connected to the support arms 30, connection may also be made to the cross member 32.

Please amend the paragraph at page 7, line 24 to page 8, line 3 as follows:

A second end 58 of the hydraulic cylinder 36 is secured to a support structure of the concrete pumping truck 10, which in one embodiment is the outrigger support frame [[26]] 25. A plate 70 is mounted to a bottom surface of the outrigger support frame [[26]] 25, and the second end 58 of the hydraulic cylinder 36 attaches to the plate 70. The second end 58 of the hydraulic cylinder 36 includes a bushing 72 and a bar 74. To connect the second end 58 to the plate 70, the bar 74 is inserted through the bushing 72. The bar 74 is secured to the plate 70 by suitable fasteners, such as bolts 76.

Please replace the Abstract at page 14, lines 3-5 with the following abstract provided on a separate sheet.